

Unified Quest-04

STAFFEX II

After Action Report (AAR)



Introduction. *Unified Quest (UQ)* is a co-sponsored Army/Joint Forces Command (JFCOM) Title X Wargaming Program. STAFFEX II, a major pathway event for *UQ 04*, was conducted 2-6 February 2004 at Booz, Allen, Hamilton in McLean, VA.

Participants. A six-man team represented the Marine Corps in STAFFEX II: LtCol Roger Garay (PP&O/SIG); Maj Dean Kleveno (MCWL/WGD), *UQ 04* Project Officer; Maj Farrell Sullivan (MCCDC/EFDC); Maj Tom Burton (MCCDC/EFDC); Capt Gerald Young (MCCDC/EFCD) and Mr. Dave Wittle (JOC/Suffolk).

Purpose.

- Develop and refine Campaign Plans for *UQ-04*.
- Conduct rehearsal and synchronization of Campaign Plans through the development of a Synchronization Matrix.
- Provide a detailed briefing to the leadership of the TRADOC Futures Center and JFCOM (J9).

Discussion. The *UQ-04* scenarios are a continuation of the global scenario utilized in *UQ-03*. The first component, Sumesia, deals with an insurgency group threatening control of the local government in a fictitious country in the western Pacific. The second component, Nair, set in Southwest Asia, involves a major combat operation in a fictitious country in that region. The Nair scenario is further divided into two separate planning cells: Nair Theater and Nair Tactical. The Nair Theater Cell will focus on joint military operations against a regional competitor. The Nair Tactical Cell will concentrate on the Army Objective Force Unit of Action (UA) force structure options. A Marine planner was assigned to Blue and Red planning cells in the Sumesia and Nair Theater cells. There is no Marine Force involvement in the Nair Tactical cell.

Observations.

- There was much discussion between Joint Forces Command and the Services on the inclusion of Joint Seabasing (JSB) into operational planning. JFCOM (J9) JSB contractors were on hand and discussed their draft concept. This capability was introduced into the game, but only at a rudimentary level. Army player feedback on Seabasing, to include

the Afloat Staging Base (AFSB), was mixed. The CJTF Commander for the Blue Nair Theater cell stated that he saw no utility in the Army purchasing flat top ships and marinizing their equipment to perform the same mission accomplished quite well by the Marine Corps. The Marine planners will continue to showcase how dynamic sea basing provides Naval forces the operational maneuver and tactical flexibility to present multiple dilemmas to an adversary.

- Stability Operations (SO) planning is a difficult issue that the Department of Defense (DoD) continues to wrestle with. The role of the Naval force in this arena is still unclearly defined. The inherent, long-term nature of SO's may stress the Fleet Response Plan/Flexible Deployment Concept (FRP/FDC) and could push the Naval force towards a "continuous presence" role in certain areas if involvement/exit strategies are not clearly defined. Joint Seabasing may further complicate this matter. The role of the sea base in supporting Stability Operations is a future area of concern for the Naval planners.
- Staffing for *UQ 04* has been scaled back considerably from *UQ-03*. USMC player projections for future *UQ-04* pathway events, as well as the main game are:

GAME CELL	USMC PLAYERS
BLUE NAIR THEATRE	3
RED NAIR THEATRE	1
BLUE SUMESIA	1
RED SUMESIA	1
ASSESSORS	2
WHITE CELL	1

Follow-On Efforts.

- Wargaming Division will draft a Marine player staffing requirements message for release by CG MCCDC in March 2004.
- The UQ Operational Workshop is scheduled for 19-23 Apr 04 at Carlisle, PA.

UQ 04 Pathway Schedule

Initial Planning Conference	26-27 Aug 03
National Security Seminar	12-13 Nov 03

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STAFFEX I	8-12 Dec 03
STAFFEX II	2-6 Feb 04
Operational Workshop	19-23 Apr 04
USMC/USN Workshop	30 Apr 04
<i>UQ 04</i>	2-7 May 04
Senior Leader Seminar (SLS)	10 May 04

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